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COAL SUPPLY TO SOFIA INCREASED

SOFIA WELL-SUPPLIED WITH COAL -- Otechestven Front, No 1384, 2 Mar 49

The special commission created to assure the prompt and proper supply of scal for Sofia reports a definite increase in the scal supply.

Whereas coel production in the Pernik mine normally declines in Janthis year it was above average. Transport has been reorganized. At the beginning of January, while traffic was clogged on the railroad line at Fernik, coal was moved out by trucks. Despite transport difficulties, 1,000 to 1,200 tons of coal for Sofia were moved out daily by truck and 1,000 tons by rail. The l'Jebruary survey established that only 10,000 of the 150,000 inhabitants of the capital had less than 100 kilograms or coal.

Under the new system of supply, between 2 January and the end of February, 65,000 inhabitants of Sofia were supplied with quality coal. Coal for 1,000 consumers was produced daily. The plan for the Sofia coal supply for January and February was fulfilled 136 percent.

The program for the coal supply for the winter of 1949-1950 will begin on 1 April.

POMER PLANT AT VARRO, BULGARIA -- Trybuna Ludu, No 37, 7 Feb 49

An exhibition was held of machinery received from Czechoslovakia for use in the construction of a power plant at Varno, Bulgaria. All installation and testing of machinery at this plant will be done by Czech mechanics and ongineers.

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